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SOME few numbers back we hinted that opportunity was given to some liberal minded gentleman to immortalize his name in connection with a University Lawn. No response has yet reached us, and from arrangements now being made it would seem as if the possibility of such chance remaining for long is very small. We again mention this project with the assurance that the opportunity is going—going.

A NEW hand grasps the tiller of the JOURNAL. Mr. J. J. Wright takes the post recently occupied by Mr. A. McLachlan. Mr. Gandier has also enrolled among the crew. It is to be hoped that the good fortune of the past may attend the new pilot. Signs on the educational horizon go to show that we may have to pass through troubled waters; but should we not rejoice that the strength of our trim craft can be tested? For

all our readers who are with us in the voyage of '83-'84, we only hope that at its close they may be able to say—"I am sorry to leave the JOURNAL even for a season."

FOR long we have wished to point out the wretched condition our gymnasium is in, and for as long we have waited in the expectation of improvement. Some Barbarians, Greeks only in name, have by "horse-play" and other innocent amusements made the gymnasium as bad as it could well be. There are many who wish to spend an hour profitably and pleasantly in the gymnasium, but at present this is impossible. Some of our college friends may say the remedy is quite simple. Yes, but Queen's is very long-suffering. Our hope, however, is strong that soon from sheer necessity we will have a gymnasium well equipped and systematically regulated.

WHAT is the real point at issue in the present college controversy, for that is what a practical man wishes to get at as soon as possible? It seems to us to be simply this, should the State make full and adequate provision for higher education, or should it not? It has made adequate provision for Common School and Intermediate Education, the two lower storeys of every educational edifice. Should it do the same for the third storey? Out of the hundreds of thousands of children in the common schools ten thousand enter the High schools, and out of the ten, nigh one thousand go to college. Should the State provide for the thousand? At present it is providing for

only four or five hundred, and it is actually proposed to do something more for those four or five hundred and to leave the others uncared for, so far as it is concerned. That proposal cannot be entertained.

If it be admitted that it is the duty of the State to see that the thousand be impartially provided for, the next question is, how? By an expensive or by an economical plan? The expensive way is for the State to undertake the whole work, and build two or three colleges, and provide for their equipment and maintenance. The economical way is to accept the situation that our history has made, and to utilize local and voluntary liberality. Q. E. D.

ON Christmas day Dr. Wardrope's youngest son, aged eighteen, was accidentally shot. Some of our students enjoy the reverend gentleman's personal acquaintance, others only know him, as one of the oldest and most distinguished graduates of Queen's, but all extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

THE Press is divided on the question of State Aid to University College, and the lines of division are pretty much what might be expected. The *Methodist Guardian*, the *Methodist Monthly*, and indeed every organ of the Methodist Church come out squarely against the proposal. So does the *Dominion Churchman*. The Toronto press as a whole is naturally in favor of the Toronto institution, just as the Kingston press is in favor of Queen's, and the Cobourg *World* in favor of Victoria. When the welfare of the city is concerned, the *Globe* and *Mail* are as intensely local as any village thunderer. The press in the cities and towns of Eastern Ontario, such as Ottawa, Brockville, Kingston, Picton, Belleville, and Peterboro, is on our side; and papers in such important cities of Western Ontario as Hamilton, St.

Catharines, Berlin, and Woodstock. Papers like the *Montreal Gazette* and *Herald* have also written very ably against the exclusive claims of one college. So far as we have seen, few papers outside of Toronto have championed the cause of the institution that loves to dub itself "the Provincial University."

THE following, from the *Eskdale and Liddesdale Advertiser*, Langholm, Scotland, needs no comment:—

COMPLIMENT TO THE MINISTER OF CANONBIE.—We understand that, some time ago, the students of the Rev. William Snodgrass, D. D., late Principal and Primarius Professor of Divinity, Queen's University, Kingston, Canada, resolved that a portrait of the learned doctor should be painted and hung in the Convocation Hall of that University, as a tribute of their respect for his personal worth, professional services, and energetic action in behalf of the interests of that colonial seat of learning. The work was entrusted to an Edinburgh artist, and it is now completed. The portrait is to be sent out to America in time to be unveiled in April next; but, before it is sent, the artist is anxious to afford the parishioners of Canonbie and others an opportunity of seeing it. Accordingly, it was arranged that the painting would be exhibited in Canonbie Public School on Tuesday, (New-Year's day), and on Wednesday and Thursday following from 11 to 3 o'clock.

SOME churches of the city have been unusually active of late. To relate the circumstances would be only to give our readers what has been provincial gossip for weeks past. We would, however, refer to this affair in connection with results which affect ourselves. At first it was considered best to let the excitement die a natural death, but students were brought so prominently before the public that more active measures had to be taken. The Missionary Association of Divinity Hall passed resolutions condemnatory of some practices now prevailing in the method of conducting church bazaars, socials, etc. The University Y. M. C. A., at a subsequent meeting, endorsed the stricture. Just here we do not pretend to pass

judgment as to the rightness or wrongness of these actions on the part of the associations, but we are glad they have taken place because of results which are sure to follow. There are many who, while indulging in these practices themselves, would be slow to give the same privilege to Christians, and especially to theological students. To these the action of the two associations will commend itself as at least consistent. It will be some satisfaction if this movement should extend beyond the college and open up the question for discussion throughout the country. How far the purity of religion is being defiled in these days is a question of vital importance, and the students of Divinity Hall did well to hasten slowly in the matter, and take up no position which they were not prepared to stand by.

A PARISH School in every parish, a Grammar School in every borough, and a College with University powers in every principal city, such was the magnificent scheme of national education proposed by John Knox, which if it had been carried out on his lines would have made Scotland the intellectual lighthouse of Europe. The greed of the Barons clipped its goodly proportions, and the great reformer—the greatest statesman Scotland has produced—had to be content with the pittance that the strong hand would give. Yet Scotland preserved its four colleges and universities; Glasgow for the west, Edinburgh for the south east, St. Andrews for the east, and Aberdeen for the north. It had these when Scotland was poor and with less than half the population Ontario now has. And yet there are men who talk as if one college ought to be enough for this great Ontario of ours. "The Provincial College"—why the very term implies that we are only one remove from barbarism. "The Provincial University" is a more pretentious expression, but

when it is simply another name for University College, it ceases to charm.

WE want to increase the number of readers of the Q. C. JOURNAL. But this is an arrangement to which there are two sides. We have done our part and we ask our friends who have not yet become subscribers and who think the JOURNAL worthy of support, to do their part by sending in their names. Every additional dollar is not only a ray of sunshine on the path of the business manager, whose life is none too happy, but it is encouragement to the whole staff. In the Royal College especially we ask for more extended recognition of the JOURNAL. For the balance of the year the subscription has been placed at fifty cents.

We want to make the JOURNAL as interesting as possible to all our readers, but to this also there are two sides. We will endeavor to do our part, and we ask our friends without and within the college, to do their part by contributing to our columns. Incidents of college life which are still remembered—improvements or reforms which you wish to suggest will prove interesting. Even as you read these lines ideas of the past come trooping up. Don't smother these inspirations but give them utterance and let them see the light of our sanctum.

#### WHISPERS DURING HALF-TIME.

IT is an old story, but a good story never dies of age, and so our readers will pardon the pride we show in fighting this battle over again. Saturday's match was unsatisfactory. The ground was bad; Knox men had just come off a long journey; Queen's men were somewhat nervous as this was the first time their mettle had been really tried; but most tantalizing of all was the fact that each side had scored a goal. Everybody then was glad when it was decided to play again on Monday. The ground was good; Knox was rested; and Queen's went at it with any amount of dash. For the benefit

of western clubs who, to say the least, were surprised at the result, we want to do some coaching. For good straight long kicks Knox can't well be beaten, but for sure kicks with the ball in any position they had to take second place. But what demoralized Knox more than anything else was the "heading" of Queen's. It was amusing. You would see Mustard preparing for a long kick; half-way down the field stands a Knox's man and a few feet behind him, so as not to arouse suspicion, is a Queen's man. Suddenly the ball comes sailing down and our Knox friend waiting it to alight congratulates himself on a good kick; but "the egg was never hatched," for while the ball is still in the air you see a streak of red, white and blue rising upward, and the next instant that ball is 40 feet from the wondering Knoxite. Every man of the champions deserves his place in the team.

No one will dispute Pierie as the best all-round player in Canada. Irving shewed himself to be at least equal to the famed Mustard; and McArdle and Heslop deserve special praise. Mitchell, the little Glasgow man, shews what a foot-ball spirit runs in every Scotchman's veins. McLeod and Bertram concocted several schemes by which as often two Knox men were left. After the game the runner of the Knox team came up to enquire "who was that man who played on me? I have played many a match but never was as easily left as to-day." "Why," we answer, "that's Bertram, the Dundas runner!" A prolonged oh! in response seemed to contain a world of meaning.

In giving these little points we are not courting our own defeat, as our readers may be sure that enough little dodges will be kept in the dark to secure the same result next year.

SENIOR—"Yes, 'The Ethics of Modern Heterodoxy' is a good subject for your graduation speech. 'How to Drive a Horse-Car' would be more sensible, though, and probably quite as useful to the rest of the boys after they get through applying for jobs as editors of leading daily newspapers."

The same man who christened his pig Maud, because she went into the garden, and his cat Misery, because he loved company, and his wife Crystal, because she was always on the watch, has now purchased a brace of fine hunting dogs for the sole purpose of baptizing them. Two for a Shent, and publishing the fact in a comic almanac.

## NARCISSUS.

THE sun its sparkling rays outspreads  
O'er Helicon's song-laden peaks,  
When through the valley bright, there treads  
A youth, who rest from hunting seeks,  
His weary limbs he comes to shade  
Within some cool Nymph-haunted glade.

His form with dazzling charms is clad,  
A perfect shape and wondrous eye,  
A beauty that in time past had  
From many a fair one drawn a sigh;  
But in Narcissus never sprung  
A love for those his praise that sung.

To quench his thirst his eager feet  
Find Hippocrene's cooling tide,  
Where silver sands the sunlight meet,  
And silken shadows softly glide;  
Down to the crystal flood he kneels,  
New thrilling life each warm pulse feels.

"Fair Nymph!" he cries "What Goddess kind  
Has lent my eyes so rare a sight?  
Let not your heart to love be blind,  
Or tremble at my passion's might;  
Come from your damp and chilly tomb,  
And dwell with me where myrtles bloom."

Love-burdened is each burning word,  
Nor moves the shape beneath his glance,  
Day sounds float by his ear unheard,  
But still he stoops as in a trance.  
How vain is he, who tries to keep  
His soul from love's all conquering sweep!

And as he gazes, on the wond'ring  
A hollow voice is sadly borne,  
That carries to his fevered mind  
The wail of one he's left to mourn,  
'Tis Echo's, whom he long has spurned,  
While with undying flame she burned.

"At last, Oh! youth of stony heart  
Your strength has yielded to love's power,  
Long did you boast no maiden's art  
Could win you to her secret bower,  
But now your own reflected form  
Creates in you o'erwhelming storm."

"My passion you refused to learn,  
And cast my proffered love aside;  
Now Nemesis has made to burn  
In you a flame you oft defied!  
Farewell! so 'tense shall be love's fire  
'T will be your only funeral pyre!"

The voice he heeds not, but with gaze  
Fixed on the trembling beauteous shade,  
He sighs through many dreary days,  
While earth-thoughts from his memory fade;  
Until his heart strings burst and death  
Enraps his soul in icy breath.

From his young blood a God-sent flower  
Leaps forth to meet the radiant sun,  
And drinks each mellow-draughted shower  
To nurse its life by lost love won;  
It's yellow blossoms waving gleam,  
And cast a shadow in the stream.

T. G. MARQUIS.

# STATE AID TO COLLEGES.

ADDRESS BY THE PRINCIPAL—DR. CAVEN'S LETTERS CONSIDERED—POINTS OF MUTUAL AGREEMENT ON

THE SUBJECT—THE CONSTITUTION OF  
QUEEN'S—UPPER CANADA COLLEGE

A MEETING of the Association of the resident graduates, recently formed, was held in the college on Saturday evening, January 5th. Mr. R. Vashon Rogers M. A., in the chair. Principal Grant delivered the following address—

Since I spoke to the Council on the question of State Aid to Colleges, the crop of letters has been so abundant that we should again take stock. Quoting from a writer in the *Globe*, whose information was evidently official, I gave then the number of undergraduates in University College. Dr. Wilson has corrected the statement by giving the number enrolled "last year." It is an old kind of a creature, but I have no objection to take last year's figures. My only desire was to give the latest information both as to University College and Queen's. He also informs us that there are in all 407 attending classes in Arts, and thinks that this is the true number to take. I have no objection, and may mention that our corresponding list is 211. Evidently there must be from 800 to 1,000 attending Arts classes in all the Colleges. Now, with submission, I say that these could not be properly accommodated in the class rooms of University College, nor properly attended to by one staff of Professors. There are only two colleges out of the forty or fifty in Oxford and Cambridge that have over 300 students. In Glasgow and Edinburgh it is true that there are single classes containing from 200 to 300, but I have direct means of knowing that the Professors who think most of the welfare of their students find this state of things intolerable. It would be easy for me to assert that Queen's is ready to receive all the students who are now or ever shall be in Ontario but I have too much respect for Dr. Wilson and his colleagues, not to speak of other colleges that are doing good work.

## TO TALK IN SUCH A STRAIN.

It is a bad thing for a college to have too few students. It is a bad thing for the students when it has too many. Remember, we are speaking not of a University but of a college, and of a college with one faculty. When it is seriously proposed to mass all the students of Ontario in University College, it may also be proposed to gather all our High School boys into Upper Canada College, the best endowed of our Collegiate Institutes. But this side of the question may be left to the general body of experts, and I need not discuss it further. The most important contribution to the discussion has been given—I am proud to say—by one of our own graduates, my esteemed friend Dr. Caven. His two letters are regarded by the friends of University College as summing up their case, and are declared by them to be unanswerable. I am delighted to hear it, in view of the fact that he substantially admits every position for which I have contended. Especially in his second letter, and more especially in the second half of that letter, he, like a statesman, is seeking for common ground rather than for a barren controversial victory. In his own spirit I shall point out wherein we agree, and then any points of difference can be understood. These, I think, are not important.

## VIEWES OF DR. CAVEN.

1. As regards the support of our sister in Toronto, Dr. Caven says distinctly that "it is not proposed that the

Government should do anything." He admits that it is eminently proper that "its graduates and friends should signify their interest in it by bearing a part in the cost of its more complete equipment," and declares that "they are not unwilling to do so." On this point I have said nothing stronger, except that perhaps I have pressed the excellent scriptural word "how," and "now after so long a time," after the enjoyment of a million and a half for forty years. Let the Statist give Queen's a quarter of a million for the same work University College is doing and I engage to double it, thus saving the state quarter of a million in the prosecution of its work, and of course allowing it all the control it desires over its own money.

Further, under this head, he says that it is an important question whether changes in the constitution of Toronto University would not "tend to open the springs of liberality." And, he avows, "his desire is that its government should be made still more popular and stronger incentives furnished to private liberality." These are wise suggestions. But the Treasurer of the Province will ask, is it right to drain money from the public purse, till those changes have been made and those incentives furnished?

## WORK FOR THE STATE.

2. He points out that though most of the European Universities, such as Glasgow and Edinburgh, were founded by private munificence, the state has seen fit to assist them, and to do so on the condition that they by themselves raise equal amounts. Now, it seems to me that the point here is not whether Toronto University has a more intimate relation than they to the state. The point that most of the people of Ontario will naturally wish to settle is which is the best way for the state to get its work done. That which is not beneath the dignity of Great Britain need not be beneath our dignity. Should not the state adopt the economical way of utilizing and stimulating voluntary liberality rather than the expensive way of giving all from the public purse? Purely state institutions are apt to combine the maximum of expense with the minimum of efficiency. We protest against the foolish way being imposed upon us.

## SECURING HIGHER EDUCATION.

3. He admits that "if a general or public system of higher education can give adequate guarantees for its religious character, there are great and manifest advantages belonging to it." Now, what is the best way to secure these advantages? Is it by having only one college for two millions of people, its patronage in the hands of one man, and that man a party politician? Or is it by embracing in our system every efficient college that a religious community like that of Ontario has established? Here is a good answer to my questions: "Ontario really wishes to unite all good citizens in the important work of higher education. There is need of combining in its promotion the wealth, experience and zeal of all sections of the community, and anything which divides our counsels is a serious evil." Truer words could not be spoken. Let them be more than words; and let a national system be elastic enough to embrace as far as possible the whole of the nation. It will be so much the better for the system and the nation.

## SERVICE OF THE CHURCHES.

4. He admits that the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches did a right and necessary thing in founding Victoria and Queen's Colleges, and "that these churches had no option in the matter." He courteously refers to the excellent work these colleges have done and the eminent Professors connected with them, and points out that they are open to students irrespective of church connection, and that locality determines to a considerable extent the

colleges which students attend. Now, let me ask soberly, if it was necessary to found Queen's and Victoria; if the most praiseworthy exertions were made to establish them, if they have done and are doing "work from which the country derives essential benefit," if their Professors are eminent, and they are open to the people as freely as is University College, and if locality is a factor to be considered, how in the name of justice and the rights more particularly of the people of Eastern Ontario, can it be fair to ignore these Colleges in the settlement of the question? In answer to the plea that to give Legislative grants to only one College would be an injustice, in the actual circumstances of the case. Dr. Caven says it must then be unjust to continue to that one its present endowment. Surely this is an evasion. The injustice against which we protest before hand, would be in giving to it only, when it is not doing, cannot do, and will less and less be able to do more than half the work that the Province requires.

#### SEVERAL COLLEGES REALLY WANTED.

5. He admits that the other colleges have the right to offer themselves to the state as a part of the public system; and in his second letter uses the far nobler words, "I am not unwilling fairly to look at the question, with appreciation of the history and work of the other colleges, and their legitimate aspirations;" and "would not decline the challenge to attempt the solution of this problem \* \* of what is best for collegiate education, in view of the state of things actually existing." He frankly states that "while many think that it was an advantage to have but one university for Ontario, *not many maintain that there should be only one college.*" This is the one great point to which I have refused to first sought to direct attention. I have refused to revive the controversies of the past, or to be drawn aside by personal attacks from the real point that has to be faced. If my opponents have time and taste for that style of writings they may indulge in it to their hearts content. With me, life is too short for that sort of thing. I feel that we are called upon to do the duty of to-day; and when the College question is reopened, our clear duty is to take our stand on the common-sense principle that it must be settled not one-sidedly, but "in view of the state of things actually existing;" and the state of things is that there is more than one efficient college in Ontario, and that more than one college is needed.

#### A COMMISSION'S ENQUIRY.

6. He suggests the appointment of a Commission to consider the whole subject, by putting itself into correspondence with the colleges and thus preparing the case for the intelligent action of the House of Assembly. This is one of the three courses for which I have always said that we were prepared.

We find then, as disputants usually find when they keep cool, that there is a great deal of ground common to both sides, and that the common ground is the most important. In this fact is my answer to the shrill exclamations with which we have been favoured for nearly three months. I am content to leave my critics to settle accounts with Dr. Caven.

When parties are generally agreed it is hardly worth while, and may seem a little ungracious to point out wherever we disagree. Having found a pretty broad common platform, I think that a *modus vivendi* may also be found. We certainly differ as to the order of procedure to be adopted. Dr. Caven thinks that there is no reason why the claims of University College should not be considered first, and thereafter the larger question of the claims of the other Colleges and of the whole Province. The "strategy" of this proposal is manifest. We should prefer Napoleon's code of precedence for ladies, "the

oldest first." But this is a matter for the Government. If I were a Minister I should certainly say, "Gentlemen, you cannot expect us to touch this matter till the whole case is fairly before the representatives of the people."

There is another point in Dr. Caven's letter that I have no right to pass over. He, who is so well acquainted with every department of the College question, seems to confess ignorance as to the relations of Queen's to the Church. No wonder that on such an agnostic basis other writers have raised the most fanciful superstructures. If Dr. Caven does not know the constitution of Queen's the ignorance of others may be pardoned. He tells us that Queen's was established by, and of course received its constitution from, the Kirk of Scotland in Canada when that Church included all the Presbyterians in the country; and he ought to know the changes made in its Constitution in 1875, during the negotiations for Union for he "was at the bidden" of it. He has also heard the annual reports of Queen's University and College submitted to the General Assembly, and has sometimes—and always in most courteous terms—moved their adoption. But, as it is well to meet a request for light, however indirectly made, I shall add a few words with regard to the constitution of Queen's.

#### CHILD OF THE CHURCH.

Queen's is the child of the Presbyterian Church, but the Church called it into existence for public as well as for Church purposes. The state then did not truly represent the public. The Synod of the Church, too, was far above the paltry lust of patronage. Considering that a select Board was much better fitted to secure the best men as Professors than a large body like a Synod or General Assembly it left all appointments in the hands of its Board. When negotiating for Union the Kirk Synod unanimously re-affirmed this opinion, and the Joint Committee decided that each institution should preserve its old method of electing Professors, until the Church should, in its wisdom, devise a plan that would combine the advantages of the two methods. It was also decided that, for the greater convenience of the Church, vacancies in the Board of Trustees should be filled regularly by the remanent members, according to the old proportions of clergy and laity, and from the constituency of the whole Church instead of from the Kirk only. And as Queen's was declared by statute to be in the same relations to the whole Church that it had been in to the Kirk, its corporation consists of every member of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Queen's has always enjoyed, to a greater extent than perhaps any other University in Canada, that self government which is the historic birth right of Universities and the indispensable condition of their doing the highest kind of work. Should the Church think at any time that its interests or the work to be done would be better served by the old method of appointing trustees no friend of Queen's could or would object. Or, if the state should desire to exercise control equivalent to the support it may offer for the extension of the Faculty of Arts, no reasonable objection could be made, though of course the consent of the General Assembly would have to be obtained to any change in our constitution if such were needed. What we all value about Queen's is its educational autonomy, simply because that enables us to do our work with an efficiency that cannot be secured otherwise.

#### EVERY POINT OF VIEW.

This digression as to the constitution of Queen's may not be of interest to the general reader, but when the college question is before us it is just as well to look at it from every point of view. I may also say that I do not agree with those who advocate the abolition of Upper

Canada College. A good many people think that boys should be sent from home because of the formative influences on character of a public school with good tone, and if

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—our only institute provided with residence—were destroyed, they would send their sons abroad and some of the best elements in our population would thus find no place in our educational system. Upper Canada college would be the better of reforms, such as the abolition of the scholarships which give it an undue advantage over the other collegiate institutes, but to destroy an institution with an honourable history, and with a place of its own that it is filling at least fairly well is another thing. Most of the arguments against its existence would afterwards be pressed against University College itself. Let us destroy nothing that is doing good work. A national system should be inclusive of every institution that is rooted in the history of the nation, and the greater the variety the richer the national life.

But the chief point to which I would call your attention, and on which I would congratulate you most heartily, is that the result of this college controversy already has been to narrow very decidedly the debatable ground. The following points are generally conceded, except by theory ridden minds—That what we have to deal with now is

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and that a one-sided solution is not to be thought of; that Ontario needs more than one college, and ought to be thankful that more than half of its collegiate work has been done gratuitously for years; and that a better organization of higher education ought to be aimed at. No men should hail such a reorganization more than the friends of Toronto University and University College. They must know that any State institution is unfortunately situated when it has the sympathy of at most only half the people; that such a position leads to snobbery and arrogance on the part of the weakest men connected with it, that it encourages educational sectarianism and pretence, the enemies of true culture; and that it creates in the minds of the friends of other institutions a sense of injustice that becomes deeper the longer it is perpetuated.

Whatever the result of the controversy, gentlemen, we know that the future of Queen's is assured. Queen's is not a mechanism but an organism. Therefore, it is independent of State aid, although such aid should be freely given. Therefore it did not fall, when that aid was suddenly withdrawn, and it does not stand still now and piteously call upon the Hercules of the State to come to its help. It grows every year, in its Staff, Equipment, Students, Endowments, and Graduates. We occupy a proud position.

The province is our debtor, and we shall endeavour to put it in our debt more and more, for that is our duty and true glory. We shall continue to show "in deeds, not words," our sense of the value of Queen's to the higher life of Canada. And when we engage in controversy we shall not forget that *noblesse oblige*.

At the conclusion of the address, on motion of R. W. Shannon, M.A., seconded by G. M. MacDonnell, M.A., it was decided to have the address printed and distributed.

LAST summer, as he lay in the hammock, dreamily gazing at the smooth, flower sprinkled lawn, his darling approached and said: "There is a difference between you, dear, and this grass plot." "Communicate the variation." "This is a daisy level, while you are a lazy ———." "I could not hear the rest of it.

SENIOR RE-UNION.

THE Annual Re-union of the Senior Year in Arts took place at the British American Hotel on the evening of Friday, the 14th inst. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. P. McNaughton, and the first and second vice-chairs by Messrs. Perrin and Gandier respectively. Letters were read from Messrs James Connell and Gower Gordon, absent members of the class.

After an excellent bill of fare had been discussed the chairman proposed "The Queen" and the first vice-chairman followed with "The Governor-General and Marchioness of Lansdowne." Mr. Gandier then gave "Our Alma Mater," after which Mr. A. McLachlan proposed "Sister Institutions." This toast elicited responses from Mr. Foxton for the Royal, and Mr. W. G. Mills on behalf of Toronto University. Mr. Geo. F. Henderson then introduced "Our Arts Faculty," which was responded to later in the evening by Prof. Nicholson in an eloquent and interesting speech, in the course of which he referred to the special ties binding him to the class of '84, and to the cordial relations existing between the arts faculty and the students. He also dealt with the much vexed question of State Aid.

The next toast in the list was that of "Our Graduates," which was proposed by Mr. C. J. Cameron, and responded to by Messrs. Nicol, B.A., Heath, B.A., and Herald, M.A. Mr. J. B. Shannon, then proposed, the "Alma Mater Society." This brought to his feet President Herald, who did both himself and his society justice by the way in which he delivered his remarks.

"The Glee Club," proposed by Mr. A. G. Farrell, elicited a few humorous remarks and a song from Mr. Heath, who gave place to Mr. Ducloux with "The Missionary Association and Y.M.C.A.," which was responded to by Mr. Gandier. "The Athletic Club, Gymnasium, and Snow Shoe Club," were next brought on by Mr. A. McRossie, and pathetically responded to by Mr. A. G. Farrell.

Mr. W. G. Mills then gave "The Football Teams" in a few appropriate words, responses being given by Messrs. McLachlan and Henderson, Presidents of the Association and Rugby Clubs respectively. Mr. Colin, A. Scott, followed with "The Ossianic Society." Mr. McNeil made an eloquent response and sang a Gaelic song which was enthusiastically encored. Professor Nicholson also responded in his usual happy manner. Mr. Britton then proposed prosperity to the ancient and venerable "Concursus Iniquitatis." Mr. Shanks responding. "The Press," proposed by Mr. R. J. McLennan, was responded to by Messrs. McLachlan, for the JOURNAL, Shannon for the News, and Britton for the Whig.

Mr. McCaughey proposed "The Ladies," whose claims were upheld by Mr. C. L. Herald. "Our Host" proposed by Mr. H. Halliday and responded to by Mr. Little, Clerk of the British, closed the regular list of toasts.

Several volunteer toasts followed, among which we may mention "Our Fraternity," proposed by Mr. Cameron, "The City Public Schools," proposed by Mr. Shanks and responded to by Mr. Isaac Woods, and "Absent Members of the class of '84," proposed by Mr. Geo. F. Henderson, and honored with "Auld Lang Syne." An appropriate musical selection accompanied each toast, some causing no little amusement. The choruses were rendered with a vigor characteristic of '84. Taking one consideration with another, the members of the senior year have every reason to feel gratified with the success of their reunion.

ELDERLY Philanthropist (to small boy who is vainly striving to pull a door bell above his reach)—"Let me help you, my little man." (Pulls the bell.) Small Boy —"Now you had better run, or we'll both get a licking."

## UNIVERSITY COUNCIL.

THE following resolutions were passed at a meeting of the University Council on Dec. 20th:—

Moved by Rev. J. Williamson, M.A., LL.D., seconded by T. R. Dupuis, M.D., Whereas the endowment now in the hands of the University of Toronto was given to the Province of Ontario nearly two years ago by George III, and the Local Legislature has never yet given any grant in aid to the institution.

Resolved that in the opinion of this meeting the Legislature should not now, by acceding to the proposed application for aid, adopt the principle of a monopoly of state aid for higher education. To narrow down the field of our higher training to one College, while extending the number of our Collegiate Institutes and High Schools, would be detrimental to the completeness of our educational system.—Carried.

Moved by A. Gunn, M.P., seconded by M. Sullivan, M.D., resolved that when sections of the people have been obliged to establish Universities in other centres, it is unjust to tax the same people for the support of Toronto University.

Moved by Rev. M. Macgillivray, M.A., of Perth, seconded by J. A. Madie, B.A., that the Council oppose a grant to University College alone as unwise and unfair.

Moved by Rev. J. C. Smith, M.A., B.D., of Guelph, seconded by Jas. McCammon, M.D., that the Chancellor, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the Principal, Revs. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., G. M. Milligan, B. A. Toronto; Messrs W. Caldwell, M.P.P., J. H. Metcalfe, M. P.P., H. Wilmut, M.P.P., D. B. McLennan, M.A., Q.C., Cornwall; Revs. Dr. Warlocke, J. C. Smith, Guelph, and R. J. Laidlaw, Hamilton, with power to add to their number, be a Committee to watch over the Parliamentary proceedings on the subject in Toronto and to co-operate with the Commissioners who may be appointed for the like purposes by other Colleges.

Moved by Rev. Jas. Carmichael, King, seconded by Rev. G. Bell, LL.D., that the graduates and alumni of Queen's throughout the Province be communicated with and requested to form Associations for the purpose of representing the true state of the case to the people in their respective localities.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR JOURNAL:—

AT the Senior Re-union, one gentleman in a humorous and ironical speech, referred to our gymnasium. He called upon all the gentlemen present to attest the truth of his words, when he said that our gymnasium was thoroughly equipped, that the apparatus was all in good order, and that crowds of students flocked to it every day for healthful exercise. It was a good thing thus to bring before the notice of the senior class the dilapidated condition of the gymnasium, but that is not enough, the time has come when every student and every friend of the University ought to know what kind of a gymnasium we have at Queen's.

It may seem injudicious to state publicly what is a disgrace to the students and a disgrace to the University, but this must be done. Unless the whole extent of the evil is known it is doubtful whether a remedy will be provided.

Almost every pane of glass in the six windows is broken.

The apparatus and those who use them, are exposed to wind and snow and rain. After every snow storm the floor is covered with fancy little snow-drifts, which for a time half-conceal the *muck* with which the floor is strewn—broken glass, bits of fallen plaster, straw and dust from old mattresses. When the snow melts the cleanliness of the floor can be imagined better than described. However, this is the only time when it is safe to use the gymnasium, for when the floor is dry it is impossible to exercise without inhaling dust at every breath.

The gymnasium has never been properly equipped, but this year nothing new has been added, while much of the old apparatus is broken and lies scattered about the floor, or is piled up in a corner. The gymnasium has never been properly managed, but this year it has not been managed at all. Nothing whatever has been done, not even has the floor been swept or cleaned in any way. The boys have not been asked to contribute their annual fee, and none of the few who go to the gymnasium seem to know whose duty it is to collect money for it and to keep it in repair. Some say that the committee appointed last year are still responsible, others say that a new committee has been appointed; but whoever the responsible parties are, is it too much to ask that they at once take active measures to give to the students, for the rest of the winter, the use of a moderately good gymnasium.

Any one who believes that college students must preserve health and vigor of body, if they are to quit themselves like men in the great work of life for which they are now preparing, will be anxious to have a good gymnasium placed within the reach of every student belonging to the different faculties of Queen's University.

As our gymnasium has been almost a failure in the past, would it not be well to have a little discussion in the JOURNAL as to what is the best means of establishing and maintaining a first-class gymnasium?

At a future time we may give some reasons why a good gymnasium is an absolute necessity at Queen's.

Yours respectfully,

"GYM."

THERE was a man lived in our town,  
And he was wondrous wise;  
He wrote a cribb upon a cuff  
Of much diminished size.

But when he felt a little bored,  
And yawned with arms extended,  
This wise man gave himself away,  
And straightway was suspended.

An organized band of thieves has been discovered among the students of Oberlin College. Four confessed and have been put in jail. The confessions show that a boy had been stealing articles in thirteen stores during this term. They are all said to be in good circumstances, and one or two of them have wealthy parents. They will all be expelled.



# ·DIVINITY HALL·

## AFTER-HOLIDAY NOTES.

THE Theologs like the rest of the boys, have returned after the Christmas holidays quite invigorated. Many have not been altogether idle—being engaged at least each Sabbath. Some have extraordinary stories to tell of the frightful snow storms they had to encounter, and a few point with a sort of subdued pride to external marks of a deadly struggle with Jack Frost. The rosiest hue that suffuses one nasal appendage suggests something very wicked indeed, until an explanation is given. A muscular divine has come under his lucky star and his old friends send him back to Queen's wrapped in furs. May there be many such happy returns. Others have been made the recipients of "ultra bene" to a greater or less extent, which goes to show so far that their labors have been appreciated. The average Theolog is not ignorant of the virtues of "Christmas goose" and plum pudding but so far as we have observed there are no visible marks of riotous excesses in any of them. Some have suffered from visiting the notorious "spare bedrooms"—one of those delicious relics of polite barbarism—and they show the result in the form of a red flannel neck band, &c. A few have lingered behind a day or two beyond the appointed time. We will not suggest why. This is a delicate subject. So let us cast over those tender parting scenes the mantle of innocent oblivion and leave results for the future.

Aside from those weaknesses to which we have referred, we are glad to hear from not a few, cheering accounts of the blessing attending their efforts in the cause of Christ. "Blessed are they who sow beside all waters," says the Evangelical prophet. We make a great mistake when we think that winged seed can only be sown in the large congregation. Only a few can have that privilege. But let us not think lightly of the service held in the backwoods shanty or the log school house. The objects of God's love are to be found there as well as in the richly furnished mansion or the fashionable cathedral. "Instant in season and out of season" is the divine rule so beautifully illustrated in the life of Christ Himself. It is the preaching to the one's and two's with whom we are coming in contact every hour we are apt to neglect. If our Master did not consider it beneath His dignity to preach to a despised, immoral Samaritan woman, neither should His followers consider any service, however insignificant, unworthy of us, so long as it brings glory to His name. A kind word spoken to the outcast; a cheerful, encouraging smile, or a warm hand-shake, may lead a soul from darkness to light. Lose no opportunity—do it cheerily and the whispering breezes will bring to your ears heaven's approving message. "In as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

The exchange Editor of the *Astrum Alberti* has been making reflections upon Queen's. We forgive him.

# ·COLLEGE SOCIETIES·

## Y. M. C. A.

W. HIND SMITH of London, England, says that Christian young men will always succeed in this work, if they remember the following mottoes, suggested by the letters Y. M. C. A.

Young Men's Christian Association.

Youth, Manhood, Character, Ability

Your Master, Christ Alone.

You Must Consecrate All.

The one admission, given more frequently than any other at the Milwaukee convention, was, "Remember Y. M. C. A. means, work for young men by young men."

It is always easier to do general work than specific work; but the successful Associations are those which have strictly adhered to the principle enunciated by St. Paul, "This one thing I do."

Let our College Association learn the lesson, and, while seeking to do good in any way it can, never forget the one object for which it exists.

Mrs. H. Thane Miller of Cincinnati, Ohio, and several other eminent Christian ladies, are taking active measures to organize Young Women's Christian Associations in the various Ladies Colleges and Co-educational Institutions of North America.

They are anxious that the young women, who are College Students, should enjoy those advantages of Christian organization which the young men already possess.

They think that it will do much to develop sterling Christian character in the young women, if through correspondence and convention they are brought into contact with many of the first Christian women in the country. Mrs. Miller invites any of the young women attending colleges where there is no Y. M. C. A. to correspond with her.

## DIALECTIC CLUB.

THOSE who last term complained of the very great inactivity in the club were all right, but those pessimists who averred that interest in its work had abated and that the Dialectic Club would soon fall into line with some other of our dead-and-alive societies were all wrong. The work of this club is too important, that importance is too well recognized by the members, the members themselves are too active students to let the Dialectic suffer. Indications are that in the next term we will have a full year's work concentrated. The annual fee has been placed at fifty cents, the life membership fee at two dollars. At the last meeting several new members were added and it was decided to vary the programme of our meetings by sometimes discussing essays, books or other interesting literary topics. The first meeting of 1884 is held on Friday, the 11th, when Macaulay's essay on History will be reviewed. Mr. J. J. Wright '85 introduces the discussion.

## ❖EXCHANGES❖

THE spirit of the times is upon me, and I am incapable now of taking up the critic's function. When every one is wearing his best smile and his best clothes, when there is stirring more or less strongly in every heart a feeling of brotherly kindness, when, too, we are all moved to be a little blind to one another's faults, and a little kind to one another's failings, it would be ill-timed in me to draw forth the critic's spectacles, and hunt for worm-holes in my neighbor's furniture. I will not, then, try to criticize any articles, nor will I praise them. If it will not be esteemed an unpardonable liberty, however, I would like to say a few words about college papers in general and the exchange column of college papers in particular. In this connection it is strictly necessary to be just. If I seem to say anything too severe, be pleased to overlook it, yet, if it is in you to be unkind, you will probably attribute it to chronic bile.

I think of college pressmen as of a fifth estate. Well some of the members of the fifth estate have done honor to the season, through which we have been passing, by issuing special numbers of their paper. We note with pleasure the creditable efforts of the *Adelphi*, *Acta Columbiensis*, *The King's College Record* and the *Hamilton College Monthly*. Almost all the rest, some in larger and some in smaller type, wished their friends and patrons, or their subscribers a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. It is a very easy matter to fill up a half a column with 'Now that the festive season has again come round, etc., etc.,' a story which is never complete without quoting Shakespeare or Dickens, or 'ring out the old, ring in the new.' The public press has led the way in the matter and the college press has followed in its wake. But this has been slightly overdone; so much so that when I see in an article the faintest sign of any well-wishing, etc., I shout in dismay 'My soul turn from it' and my soul at once turns. I am glad for this reason that the Editor of the JOURNAL in his wisdom withheld, or in his forgetfulness overlooked the threadbare song. But lest our silence might be taken for contempt of the season or a lack of interest in our subscribers we would now wish them one and all a MERRY ELEVEN MONTHS and a HALF, which though not very harmonious has at least the merit of being fresh.

With this preamble, which no one will accuse of being out of the way, I forthwith become bilious: The objects of my spleen are, in two words, Yankee Exchanges. If I am rash there will be found a method in my rashness. I may be overbold in daring to tread on the lion's tail, but all my Canadian brothers will agree with me that the lion ought to be made squeal. For my own part the lion, which we so much dread, which lords it is so over poor Canada, is after all only like the big animal proclaimed by the circus man, 'a live lion stuffed with straw' or like the dog whose bark is worse than his bite. We perhaps, then, show our foolishness in making any mention of the way in which we are treated by the American Exchanges, but we justify ourselves with the plea that it is not simply to relieve our feelings that we do it, but to benefit them. But the truth is they treat us scandalously, as if we were not worth a moment's thought. I can imagine one of the exchange editors of across the border glancing over the mail he has received, and talking thus with himself, 'Ha, the Canadian Mail! The *Varsity* Pooh! *Queen's College Journal* Pooh! Pooh!' and with his disdainful puffs he blows us into the waste-basket. I cannot help smiling in the midst of my righteous indignation when I find *Brothers Acta*, *Argosy*, *Astrum*, *University Monthly*, *Record*, *Gazette*, etc., in the same position, and I console myself with the reflection that, just as all we know of a

peasant-woman was that she once boxed the ears of a King, so we will say of the poor unknown one, of whom we have been speaking, 'He threw a Canadian college paper into the waste-basket.'

And now let me say a word about the exchange column. As a rule this column is miserably conducted, while it is possible to make it one of the most interesting portions of the paper. Of course it requires work; and it is just because the editor in charge has not worked, but has relied upon his innate energy (which is generally a broken reed) that the exchange column has fallen into disrepute. He has trusted that by a sort of inspiration he would at the cry for copy rise to the emergency, when alas! he found that his wings had been left behind in the sanctum or else that they had been clipped. He is contented, therefore, with giving birth, at the cost of excruciating mental agony, to one or two sickly puns, or else travels the already well-beaten path to his meagre stock of worn-out and time-honored jokes. By cheerfully doing my little best and diligently sticking to my task, I have been trying to clean out and purify the Augean stable. But the muck has increased instead of diminishing. Now I try the other end of my pitchfork and see what I can accomplish by uttering with all the prophetic awe that I can summon up 'Woe unto you, ye scribes!'

But I want to be a little more explicit. Every college paper should have an exchange column; for, first, it is a mark of courtesy towards your exchanges, while, again, it gives room for much which appearing elsewhere is out of place. It is the portion of the paper in which friendly greetings can be exchanged, friendly advice given and taken and friendly criticisms made and returned. We, therefore extend our congratulations to the *Astrum Alberti* for the step it has taken. It has likewise shown its understanding of the kind of work required by appointing a B. A. to the exchange Editorship. We would also in the spirit of friendship counsel *Varsity* to do likewise. We have tried both plans with the JOURNAL and we have learned by experience that an exchange column gives and begets an interest impossible by any other means. As for the papers over the line, many of them are like the addlers which sting but cannot hear. Advice is wasted upon them. But if they would lend an ear for a moment I would make a last call before striking the hammer on the table and bid them take a broader view of college matters, and strive to treat the JOURNAL as the JOURNAL has at all times treated them.

## ❖PERSONALS❖

REV. ROBERT NEIL, D.D., '72, has resigned the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, Seymour, which he had held so long and filled so faithfully.

WILLIAM SPANKIE, B.A., '82, Principal of the Kingston Academy, was presented by his boys at the closing of the school for the Christmas vacation, with a handsome and valuable present, showing the regard and esteem in which his pupils held him. Mr. J. C. Macleod, '82, has been Mr. Spankie's able assistant during the past term, and has resumed his duties with the new year.

REV. JOHN ALLAN SNODGRASS, an Alumnus of the class of '72, who has been for some time past a missionary at Lossiemouth, was admitted at a recent meeting of the Presbytery of Langholm, (Scotland), as a preacher within the bounds. Mr. Snodgrass is the son of the Rev. William Snodgrass, D.D., of Canobie, Scotland, Principal Grant's predecessor.

CHARLES C. CLANCY, M. D., '83, Port Huron, Mich., was in the city last week.

REV. JAMES CUMBERLAND, M. A., '77, Amherst Island, was appointed to the moderatorship of Ernestown and Millhaven, at a recent meeting of the Kingston Presbytery.

DR. DONALD MCLEAN, '68, the distinguished medical professor of the Michigan University, at Ann Arbor, and for several years a professor in the Royal College, has had, we are glad to say, the verdict for \$20,000 recently given in his favor as against the *Detroit Evening News*, in an action brought by the doctor against that paper for libel, sustained by the Supreme court.

REV. JOSEPH GANDLER, Fort Colonge, an Alumnus of '70, has received a call from the congregation of St. Columba and St. Paul, Madoc.

HENRY T. CORBETT, M. D., '68, Ottawa, spent part of the festive season in the city with his father.

REV. GILBERT C. PATTERSON, M. A., '78, Beaverton, was waited upon last month by the young men of his congregation, who presented him with a valuable horse.

STEPHEN CHILDEROSE, '81, who was forced by illness to return to his home at Cobden, before the close of last term has, we are glad to say, returned greatly improved in health.

The congregation of King, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Carmichael, have erected a commodious and handsome new church. It was opened on Sunday, the 23rd ult., the services being conducted by the Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's University, Kingston—*Canada Presbyterian*.

JOHN HAY, B. A., '82, was presented during the holidays with a handsome fur cap and coat by his friends in Merrickville. This village and the adjoining country were the field of Mr. Hay's missionary labors two summers ago. Just now when there is such a general feeling of liberality all around us, and presentations seem to be the order of the day, we would humbly submit to our patrons and friends, that we have not the slightest objection to being made the recipients of like marks of honor, even if it go no further than the paying of our subscription fee. Now is your chance friends of having all manner of encomiums heaped upon your head, which will not cost you a cent, by sending us a dollar and calling it a Christmas box. Don't let this opportunity slip by.

J. CONNELL, '84, and J. McLennan, '87, who have been ill, are themselves again. The latter is once more in our midst.

THOS. A. CONGROVE from Millbrook, has just registered. He is a Divinity Student—first year in Arts.

DURING vacation we hob-nobbed with Messrs Hume and Bissonette. Mr. Bissonette is of Dundas High School, and talks of it as a nursery for our Association Foot-ball Team.

GEO. F. CAMERON, '86, wrote the New Year poem for the *British Whig* of this city, in connection with its semi-centennial number. The poem is receiving great praise.

ARPAD GIVAN, who graduated with honors last year,

winning a gold medal, has returned and entered Divinity Hall. It is hardly necessary to say how heartily glad the boys are to see him back.

DANIEL McTAVISH, M. A., '81, preached in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, Sunday, the 6th instant. The charge is vacant, and Mr. McTavish has already received a call to it although he will not have finished his theological studies until April. The *Post* says of him: "Mr. McTavish is very eloquent and effective in the pulpit. He is a genial and popular man. He gives promise of being a successful pastor, and will undoubtedly take an excellent rank in the ministry." We who know him can say all this, and could add much more to it. He is one of the best students who has ever passed through Queen's.

## •DE NOBIS NOBILIBUS.

AT St. Andrew's bazar Mr. T. Cumberland was besieged by ladies who wished him to act as auctioneer. This is one of the inconveniences of being in great favor with the ladies and our hero had to submit. A miniature birch canoe was put in his hands to sacrifice and after a few words he says "Now then Can-o-e give me a bid? How much?" For this diabolical pun he has lost many admirers. Serves him right.

SCENE in one of the Medical Classes.—Professor while calling the roll said "Is Mr. S.—attending this class this year?" He had better be informed that I have a large number of dots here against him."

Student—(Rather audibly) "Is dot so?" Prof. overhears, looks up and groans and the whole class join in the chorus.

Prof.—"We must excuse him gentlemen. He has only returned from the McGill dinner and has not yet got over it." Class explode.

A CERTAIN diving whom naughty freshmen call dude, appeared in one of the college halls the other day, wearing such a high stand-up-collar, that one of the fraternity asked him if he had the mate of that cuff? He answered—No,—and looked very, very mad. In a few moments after the above took place, I saw him mounting a bench usually employed as a seat. On enquiring of another student the cause, I was informed, that owing to the height of his collar, he was compelled to assume an elevated position in order to be able to expecorate over it.

ONE of our Prof's who is of an ingenious turn of mind, and who desires to save time and energy, has hit upon the following. When one side of his blackboard is covered with chalk, giving it a dextrous twist he turns a clean side, at the same time touching an electric knob on his counter. A bell is heard ringing in the lower regions, from which a small boy immediately ascends and proceeds to wash one side of the board while the Prof. is demonstrating on the other.

A beastly trade—a butcher's.

LENNOX IRVING, '85, the well known "back" has spent part of the holidays languishing through an attack of typhoid fever. He has we are glad to say completely recovered. While referring to Mr. Irving we may mention the death of S. Hughes the strongest "back" of the "Varsity team. Hughes played his last game at Guelph and a few weeks after died from an attack of typhoid.

This is the season of the year when people are forced to forget their dignity. They may walk in slippery places and suffer great falls but taking it for *granted* that it is good to be stoical they pass calmly on their way.

A few Sabbaths ago in a northern town a group of "cute uns" were discussing an eloquent sermon preached that day by D— Mc—. "Where does he come from?" was asked—"Queen's" is replied. "Oh! ay he'll be one of the professors!"

The Editor of the *Acta Victoriana* comes down at last to football. He says "the late foot-ball match between the Vics and the Queen's College Club has added another link to the chain of friendship which already binds together the students of the two universities. Our boys, while in Kingston, were the recipients of so much kindness and hospitality that they feel that they cannot adequately repay their entertainers. As we have stated in another column, the Vics were successful in carrying off the trophy, but we congratulate the Queen's boys that since then they have been more successful and have won the cup presented by the Central Association."

The Prof. dictates:—This man is a logician. This man is a fool. Therefore a fool is a logician. Now then where is the fallacy? Student (after deep thought) I think the conclusion should be—all logicians are fools. Prof. Humph.

THE UNIVERSITY SERVICES IN CONVOCATION HALL.—These services will be resumed on the last Sunday in January. The Rev. David Mitchell of Belleville, will preach on Jan. 27th, and President Nelles, D.D. on Feb. 3rd. Both gentlemen will receive a hearty welcome from the students.

WHY was Balaam like a guardsman? Because he had a cuirass.

WE are sorry to learn that J. C. McLeod, Captain of the A. F. B. T., is seriously ill. He is missed.

Not long ago, in returning from an evening party, two divinity students and two young ladies whom they had undertaken to see home, got lost. This seemed strange to us, and though we made enquiries, no reasonable explanation could be given; therefore we are left to our own conjectures as to the cause. It is not quite so surprising that such a thing should happen to one of them, who is but lately from Toronto. Naturally coming from such a place he would be apt to become bewildered among the labyrinths of our streets, but as for the other who has resided on King street for the last ten years or more, no such plea could be made except perhaps that he is a "Paisley body." That the young ladies did not notice that they were being led astray, points to an interesting state of things, which we feel sure must have been reciprocated on the part of the students. We do not like to tell how, when and where, they were at length found still unconsciously wandering, but we would advise the ladies of Kingston to think twice before putting any one again under the charge of these gallants.

It is no use R. G., B.A. '83, and M. McK., '85, building hopes on the privileges which leap year has given to the ladies of Kingston, after what they said at the Camden Presbyterian tea-meeting, held at Centreville. They actually had the daring audacity, the ignorant barbarity, and the consummate impudence to give as their opinion, "that the young ladies of Camden *far eclipsed* the fair ones of Kingston for beauty and intelligence." We have never seen these paragons of Camden, but if they at all

eclipse the ladies of our city, they must surpass beings who combine in themselves the beauty of Venus de Medici and the wisdom of Solomon, and further they must be too good for this world or the next; for all our fair ones are acknowledged to be angels already. But Messrs. G. and McK. are wrong. The young ladies of Camden may possibly equal those of Kingston, surpass them, never! The fighting editor glories in this chance which gives him the right to wipe out this insult, this libel, on our angels, and that no base insinuations may be made, he will say that he does not do it because it is leap year, although he would not have the ladies forget that he is still a bachelor, but because he is their natural champion. Therefore the F.E. hereby challenges these two gentlemen to meet him in the sanctum at 3 a.m., where pens and no coffee will be provided for three. Pens? certainly, is not the pen mightier than the sword? No weak weapon for me.

### ❖EXCHANGE ITEMS.❖

A daily paper's view of the exchanges of the lower provinces.—The first numbers of the college journals for the year have been issued. They are all well printed and carefully edited. They contain a good deal of local college news; many jokes that sound flat to outsiders; but which may be side-splitting to collegians, much fairly good, and a good deal of fairly bad writing. They are all non-political, and for the most part non-sectarian. They treat of many subjects of which we, in common with the writers, are ignorant but they contain many articles which are cleverly written, and would do credit to grown up journalism. College journalism should be encouraged. The alumnus who refuses to subscribe for the organ of his college should be banished from alumni societies and from all part or lot with the well-wishers of his *Alma Mater*,—"Argosy."

"The new edition of 'Students' Songs,' comprising the *twenty-first thousand*, has just been published by Moses King of Cambridge. This collection comprises over sixty of the iolly songs as now sung at all leading colleges in America. It has the full music for all the songs and airs Compiled by Wm. H. Hills (Harvard, 1880.) The price is only fifty cents."

My pony 'tis of thee  
Emblem of liberty,  
To thee I sing;  
Book of my freshman days  
Worthy of fondest praise  
Worthy of poet's lays,  
I'd tribute bring.

My gallant pony, thee,  
Help to the wearied be  
When "Ex" is nigh  
I love thy well-worn look,  
Thou gentle little book;  
Down in some hidden nook  
Silently lie.

A GENTLEMAN entered a Portsmouth, N.H. drug store and asked for the "dark possibility of bright ideas." The clerk looked nonplussed, and said he hadn't it in stock. The customer then explained that he wanted—a bottle of ink.

The seniors of Rutgers College are growing because the Faculty has decided to abolish the custom of dismissing upper classmen a day in advance of the Sophmores and Freshmen.